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Vermont Student Assistance Corporation



Creating opportunities for all Vermont students, but especially for those —of any age— who believe that the doors to education and training are closed to them.



National Guard Educational Assistance Program (NGEAP)

- Interest free loan
- Tuition and fees at any Vermont postsecondary institution or technical center
- Eligible to be partially or totally cancelled and forgiven upon:
 - successful completion of course
 - certification of two years of National Guard service for each full academic year awarded

NGEAP current program

Recipients must:

- Be an active member, in good standing, of a federally recognized unit of the Vermont National Guard
- Have successfully completed basic training or commissioning
- Be enrolled in a program that leads to a postsecondary degree, diploma, or be studying for relevant continuing education purposes



NGEAP current program

FY16 In the 2015-2016 academic year VSAC disbursed NGEAP awards totaling \$205, 223 to 52 guard members attending Vermont institutions.

FY17 to date

56 guard members have been awarded \$235,412 for 1st and 2nd semester disbursement; summer awards are pending

FY16	Students	Dollars Disbursed
Air National Guard	40	\$149,292
Army National Guard	12	\$55,930
FY17 to date		
Air National Guard	44	\$167,829
Army National Guard	12	\$67,583

NGEAP statistics FY16

Degree programs:

Bachelor's: 65%

Associate's: 18%

Other: 17%

Institutions:

UVM: 23%

Champlain: 22%

VT Tech: 15%

Other: 40%

Majors:

Business: 20%

Science: 15%

Engineering/related technologies: 15%

Health professions/technologies: 15%

Computer/information technologies: 8%

Protective services/public safety: 7%

Other: 20%



Appendix



Pathways to Postsecondary Education & Training

PreK-6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	Postsecondary
VHEIP — VT's 529 college savings plan							
Naviance							
PLP training							
GEAR UP							GEAR UP scholarships
Talent Search							
School counselor training							
			Roadmaps to College website & e-mail communications to students and parents				VT Grants from VSAC
				College Pathways			
					Paying for College nights		VSAC's Advantage Loans
					Forms nights		
					FAFSA completion		
					Dual enrollment stipends		GUIDE
						Early college stipends	
				Intro to College Studies			
				Remedial vouchers			Career & financial aid at CCV sites
Lamoille Aspirations Initiative							
Bellows Falls Aspirations Initiative							
Hazen Union Aspirations Initiative							
							Educational Opportunity Centers for adult learners